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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/94-19; 50-499/94-19 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. L. E. Ellershaw and V. G. Gaddy of this office on May 16-20, with in-office inspection through July 8, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report and included your inservice testing program for pumps and valves. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The results of this inspection are documented on pages 1 and 2, in the enclosed report.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because it is indicative of a continuing problem with your corrective action program implementation.

During the inspection, two unresolved items were identified. One concerned the lack of a probing investigation into an identified concern regarding responsibilities and authority for designating the performance of a local leak rate test, and is addressed in Section 2.3.3 of the enclosed inspection report. The other concerned the possible failure to document entries into Technical Specification action statements, including the possibility that operations personnel were not cognizant of the need to document action statement entries when they were conducted in conjunction with regularly scheduled surveillance tests. This item is addressed in Section 2.4.2.1 in the enclosed inspection report.

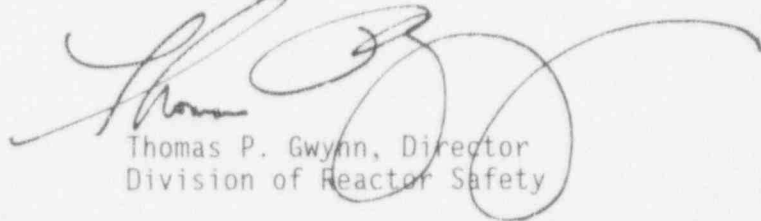
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During a July 7, 1994, engineering meeting in the Region IV office, Mr. Cloninger and his staff presented plans to address needed improvements in the inservice test program. These plans included a self-assessment of the program that was scheduled for later this calendar year. Please notify me if your understanding differs from ours.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-498/94-19; 50-499/94-19
w/Attachments

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